

CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-0980
Almony House
2632 White Hall Road
White Hall, Baltimore County
Ca. 1861
Private

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Fronting south on White Hall Road, the circa 1861 Almony House is a two-story five-course American bond brick dwelling with a side-gabled roof clad in asphalt shingles. The elevation features a one-story full-width rebuilt shed porch supported by turned wooden posts. It shelters an off-center single-leaf entry with paneled one-light wood door, a brick infilled single-leaf entry and two 6/6 wooden windows with wooden surrounds and sills. The three evenly spaced 6/6 second story windows are placed just above the porch and just beneath the molded wood cornice with overhanging eaves. The windows feature square-edged wood lintels with bulls-eye cornerblocks and rowlock brick sills. An historic flush ell features a shed roofed one-story porch supported by wood posts on the west elevation. Three stretcher bond interior end brick cap the building. The rear elevation features the original ell and a shed addition.

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1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic	Almony House (preferred)
other	Owen Bricker House (current)

2. Location

street and number	2632 White Hall Road	—	not for publication
city, town	White Hall	<u>X</u>	vicinity
county	Baltimore County		

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name	Owen P. Bricker III and Ann A. Bricker				
street and number	2632 White Hall Road			telephone	
city, town	White Hall	state	MD	zip code	21161-9724

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.	Baltimore County Courthouse	liber	5011 folio	500
city, town	Towson	tax map 18	tax parcel 96	tax ID number 0702066290

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
___district	___public	___agriculture	___landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	___commerce/trade	___recreation/culture	<u>5</u>	___ buildings
___structure	___both	___defense	___religion	___	___ sites
___site		<u>X</u> domestic	___social	<u>2</u>	___ structures
___object		___education	___transportation	___	___ objects
		___funerary	___work in progress	<u>5</u>	___ Total
		___government	___unknown		
		___health care	___vacant/not in use		
		___industry	___other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory <u>5</u>	

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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To the southwest of the main dwelling, located along the gravel drive, sits a circa 1900 barn. The side gabled building features an asphalt-shingled roof, vertical board cladding, a random rubble stone foundation, and a double-leaf vertical board sliding entry. The building also features a machine-shed addition with a vertical board two-leaf door. The wood frame barn is detailed with overhanging eaves and a boxed wood cornice.

The circa 1940 garage clad in wide aluminum siding sits on a poured concrete foundation. The building features a front-gabled asphalt-shingle roof with overhanging eaves and an aluminum soffit. The one-story building features a central corrugated metal roll-up door, single-light windows, and an interior end brick chimney.

A two-and-a-half story barn, which has been converted into a garage and office, sits on a random rubble stone partial pier foundation with a side gabled slate roof. The wood frame building is clad in wide weatherboard and features overhanging eaves, a boxed aluminum soffit, and three roll-up metal garage doors. The building also features 1/1-vinyl windows, 6/6 wood windows and an exterior wooden stair on the north elevation. The gable peaks of the building feature 6/6 wooden windows with four-light sidelights and rounded-arch surrounds.

A circa 1900 barn also sits to the northwest of the dwelling. It sits on a random rubble stone foundation, features a side-gabled standing-seam metal and slate tile roof. The wood frame building is clad in vertical board siding and accessed by a double-leaf vertical-board sliding door. The building also features two vertical board shed additions, with concrete block foundations, on the southeast side. A one-story side-gabled concrete block milking parlor addition extends to the east and features an exterior end brick chimney.

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Two concrete stave silos with domed standing-seam metal roofs and metal bands stand approximately fifty feet in height. The silos are located just to the northeast of the barn's the milking parlor addition.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
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	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1861 ca. **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1861 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men*, (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881), pp. 872-874.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 55 Acres
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Norrisville Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Almony House is located at 2632 White Hall Road near Vernon in Baltimore County, Maryland as noted on Tax Map 18, Parcel 96 and recorded in Deed Record Liber 5011 Folio 500 The building has been associated with the site since its construction circa 1861.

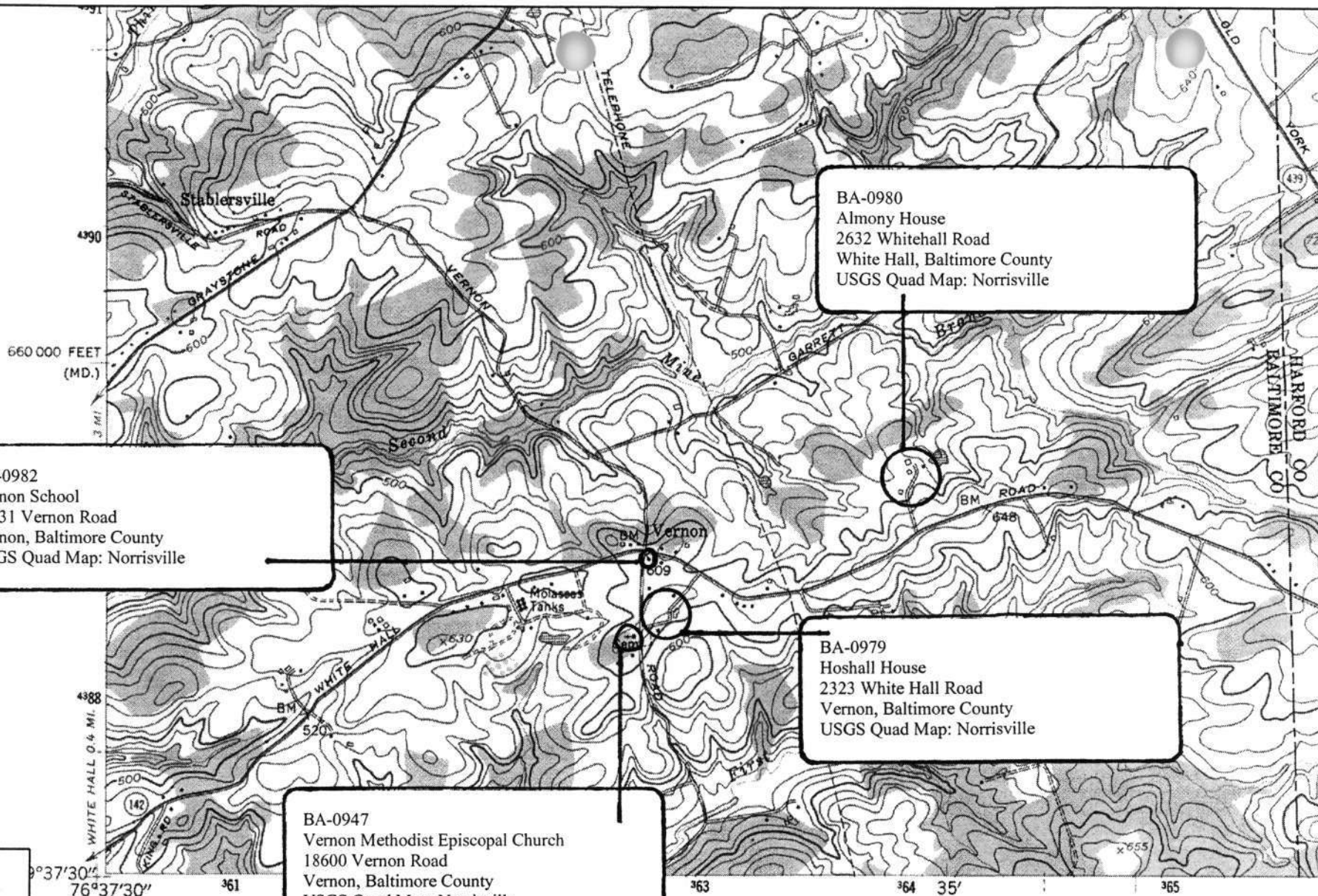
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Vernon, Baltimore County
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Vernon, Baltimore County
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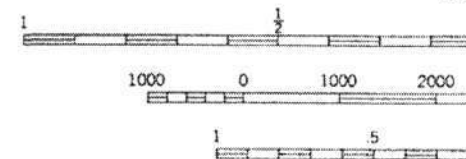
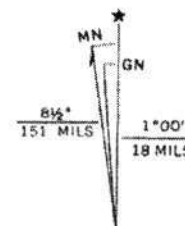
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Dwelling, southwest corner, view looking Northeast

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Dwelling, North elevation, view looking South

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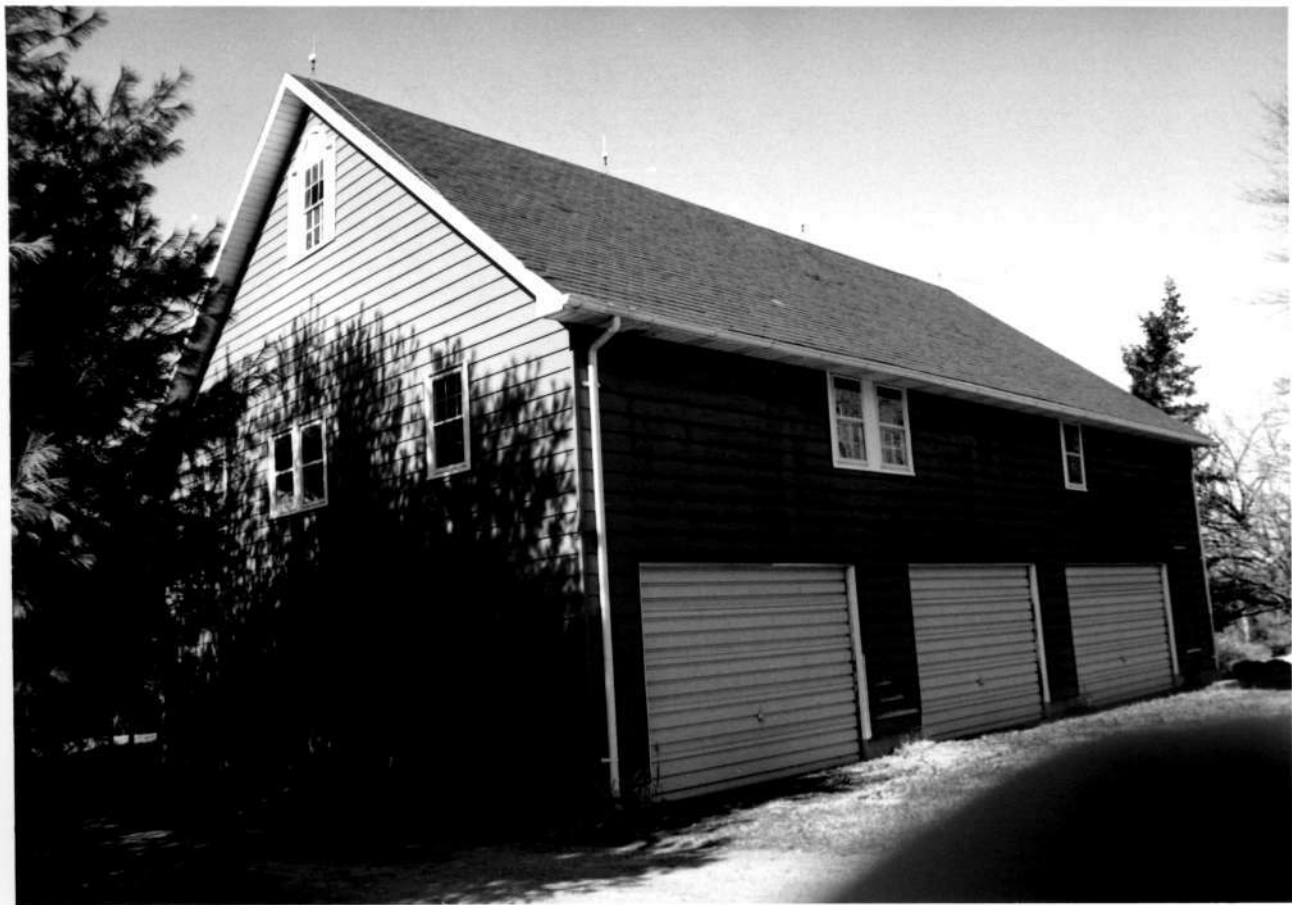
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Dwelling, East elevation, view looking West

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Barn, southwest corner, view looking Northeast

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Garage & Barn, view looking Northeast

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Silos & Barn, view looking Northwest

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BARN, LOOKING SOUTH

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OWEN BRICKER HOUSE - 1861 - North side of White Hall Road, 0.7 mile east of Vernon Road. Small, two-story, 3-bay, vernacular style house in brick, built by W. Harrison Almony at a cost of \$50. H. Almony's in 1877 atlas, J.T. Almony's in 1915 atlas. Brick foundation,

gable roof, one-story porch across the front. Addition at the rear. Several barns and outbuildings. Owner: